

April 29, 1975

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, the section 14 of your new amendments which talks about the amount over the 10¢ that is what costs the million dollars, right? Theoretically that is what it was to cost Omaha last year, and it only cost a million less whatever the balance is, 400 and some thousand. It is the subsidy of the fee above 10¢ that cost the million dollars, is that right?

SENATOR FOWLER: That is not quite accurate. The money will not only go for the subsidy of the 10¢ ride, but it goes for the subsidy of the operating deficit. To qualify for that subsidy, you have to have a 10¢ ride. That is one aspect of the program that deals with regularly scheduled buses. The addition to the program is the addition of the senior handi-bus programs. That is going to take up some of the additional money that would not have been spend last year. Those do not have 10¢ rides.

SENATOR MARVEL: Based upon the hearings that you have held and the experience that you have had on this bill and rewriting of this bill, do you think that the million plus the unexpended balance will take care of the request for this next year?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, looking at the information from the fiscal office and the commission of aging and the department of roads, there estimates are I think one or two hundred thousand dollars higher than the appropriation. I draw attention to page 8, where it says a state grant to an applicant shall not exceed 50% of the operating costs. So we are not mandating that we pay 50% but that is the ceiling. I think that this will meet most of the needs for existing programs and perhaps for some expansion.

SPEAKER: Any other discussion? If not the question is LB443A be advanced to E & R for initial. Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I would like a roll call vote on this.

SPEAKER: Roll call vote has been requested.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 33 ayes, 1 nay and 15 not voting. Vote appears on page 1504 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER: Bill is advanced. Over in the north balcony from Senator Dickinson's district there are 14 fifth, sixth and seventh grade school students from Elk City, Nebraska would you please stand so that the Legislature can recognize you. Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the other day the Governor vetoed my bill, or rather the committee's bill which would have extended to all of the people of the state of Nebraska the right and the privilege of seeing the rules and regulations of the administrative departments of government. I think one of the reasons that he did this was because he thought that it was too expensive. I disagree with this in as much as it would have given the people of the